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CHURCH BUILDING FUND TRAINING SESSION PLAN

A Training Session for the members of the Church Building Loan Fund committees and the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention has been planned for January 6, 1953. The meeting will be held in the Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Ga., and will be under the direction of Dr. Nelson C. Dreier, Area Director, and the Rev. Erston M. Butterfield, Superintendent.

The Goal suggested, and accepted, for the Southeast Convention is \$30,000. This is based on 16% of the current expense report for each church in the 1951 year book report. Since some of the churches may not be able to meet this goal, it has been suggested that the individual goals for churches be set at 20% of the current expenses in order that the Convention Goal may be met.

Each church will be in a position to distribute this goal over the two years '53 and '54. One of the points to be considered at the meeting will be whether the goals are to be raised by a special campaign in each church or whether it should be included in the year's church budget.

It is hoped that all Associations will have appointed their Church Loan Fund committees before the January meeting, so that these committees may also attend the training session. It is highly important to get the information, the organization and the materials to the churches as soon as possible.

REORGANIZATION PLAN TO BE DISCUSSED JAN. 20

The afternoon session of the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southeast Convention will be devoted to a re-working of the Plan of Reorganization for Conferences and Associations. Conference moderators have been invited to attend and to present the modifications or changes desired by their conferences.

The East Alabama Association Executive Committee met December 16, 1952, to consider the plan and to make their recommendations. It is hoped that other associations and conference executive committees will also meet before January 20th in order that their moderators may be able to present their recommendations.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The date for "One Great Hour of Sharing", the 1953 United Appeal for relief and reconstruction, has been set for Sunday, March 8. The purpose of this appeal is to raise funds for refugee and relief needs, for inter-church aid and other related types of service.

The 1953 United Appeal, interdenominational in character, will have India, Korea, the Near East and Central Europe as its chief areas of coverage. Programs of emergency relief and programs of rehabilitation and reconstruction in the areas of distress are financed through this United Appeal.

YALE AUTHORITY BACKS NEW VERSION OF BIBLE

"All the grounds that underlie the doctrine of the virgin birth are stated plainly and unequivocally in the new version," Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean of Yale University Divinity School, told a news conference recently.

Anyone who says otherwise, he added, is misrepresenting the facts.

Dr. Weigle, head of a committee of 32 Biblical scholars who worked 15 years preparing the new Bible, spoke out against attacks on it by some individual ministers. "Condemnations have come mostly from extremists and notoriety seekers connected with splinter groups and do not represent any substantial segment of protestantism."

Chief grounds for their criticism has been that Isaiah 7:14, the word "virgin" is replaced by "young woman" in the new version. Weigle said the change was made because the original Hebrew manuscript used the word "almah" which means "young woman". The mistake, he said, was in Greek translations of the Hebrew, and it was carried over into the King James translation. At other points in the Old Testament, Weigle said, the Greeks correctly translated "almah" to mean "young woman".

"Believers in the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures," Weigle said, "should be the first to desire the committee translate the text accurately."

He said theological grounds for the virgin birth, as contained in the 18th, 20th, and 23rd verses of Matthew I, and in verses 26 to 38 of Luke I, remain "absolutely as firm as ever" in the New Testament.

The new Bible, which sought to clarify obsolete usages and correct inaccuracies, has received wide acceptance.

SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE

With the opening of the winter quarter, Southern Union has enrolled several new students and an additional faculty member has been added. Mr. Leland R. Waters, Jr., B. A. (Harding College) and M.B.A. (U. of Miss.) will teach business and commercial science. Mrs. Waters is trained in home economics.

The College would like to express its special thanks to the Alabama Women's Fellowship, which has recently forwarded \$400 for the re-decoration of the Southern Union Chapel. With the generous gifts previously received for this purpose, the College can now proceed with plans for a more adequate and helpful College Chapel.

After spending most of December on Campus, President Flannery will be in New England during the greater part of January. He has given Dean A. R. Van Cleave responsibility for contacting prospective students for Southern Union for next fall. The College would greatly appreciate the names and addresses of any high school seniors or graduates who might be interested in attending our Congregational Christian College at Wadley. Southern Union is better equipped and has as strong a faculty as in many years. A greater student enrollment would be a real asset both to the College and our Fellowship in the Southeast Convention. Please send the names of any prospective students to—

Dean A. R. Van Cleave
Southern Union College
Wadley, Alabama

A recreation institute will be held on the campus February 1-7, 1953. Mrs. Jane Bishop Nauss, on the staff of the Council of Southern Mountain Workers, will direct the institute, to be held in the evenings.

CALLED MEETING OF THE CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSN.

A Special Session of the Central Alabama Association met November 22 at the Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Ala. The Moderator, the Rev. M. O. Worley, called the meeting to order.

The business before the meeting was the discussion and voting to ordain A. D. Ballard, Sr., and George Watson, and to license Otto Culpepper in the ministry for one year.

Mr. Worley addressed the group urging them to help make the Central Association one of the best in the area. "We may not be as large as some of the others," he said, "but we are just as good and just as big as we make ourselves." He asked that the Per Capita Dues be raised to 30 cents per member and that the apportionment be paid quarterly throughout the year. A goal of one dollar per member was suggested by Mr. Worley as he pointed out how unbalanced the apportionment giving is according to the membership of the churches.

The revision of church rolls was discussed by the Rev. David Clark, and he pointed out the way to revise the roll books as to active members, inactive and non-resident. He gave out forms to the ministers and asked that they be returned to the association before December 15 correctly filled out and the same information be given on the Year Book reports.

The Church Building Loan Fund was presented by Mrs. Jettie Logan, who urged the people to start now making plans for special programs pertaining to this so that the Central Association could meet its quota.

Miss Loretta Petersen spoke on *The Southeast News*, and requested the people to help make it a success, supporting it with both news and

PACKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNCIL OF SOCIAL ACTION

Questions are today being raised about the value of the United Nations. Some persons and groups go so far as to advocate that the United States resign from the international organization.

Attacks are also being made on UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization). The draft Covenants on Human Rights (based upon the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) are also meeting with determined opposition.

Just what are the criticisms? What are the facts? The International Relations Department of the Council for Social Action has prepared three packets of materials, one on each of the above subjects. The materials give the pro and con arguments.

The packets are available at 50 cents each, or all three for one dollar. Place your order with Rev. Herman F. Reissig, Council for Social Action, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York 10,

subscriptions.

The Worship program was conducted by the Rev. Carolyn Welch and Mr. Otto Culpepper.

The Moderator then appointed one person from each church to work on the Church Building Loan Fund campaign: Mrs. Floyd Ballard, East Tallassee; Mrs. James Kincaid, Thorsby; Oscar Bell Ingram, Watson Chapel; Mrs. T. B. Mosley, Balm of Gilead; George Watson, Mt. Creek; Harrison Walls, Eclectic Union; Roy Butler, Seman.

The Churches of the association were represented 100% at the meeting, and the Central Association has begun working under the proposed plan for reorganization.

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THE STATUS QUO

December is such a busy month for everyone that we can't really scold you for not sending in much news for this issue of the magazine. However, it does mean that the number of pages is less.

Let's start the New Year with a bang and send us MORE NEWS, MORE CLEAR PHOTOGRAPHS (dim ones do not reproduce for cuts) and MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We now have 294 subscriptions—138 from Alabama and Florida, 113 from Georgia and South Carolina, and 43 from Kentucky and Tennessee. We are growing steadily.

You will note that in this issue we have used the names of the church reporters with their copy. We hope you like this idea, and that you will sign your copy as you wish your name to appear in the magazine.

We will also appreciate your suggestions and criticisms—because we want to make the magazine YOUR magazine. The only way we can do that is for you to tell us what you like or dislike about it, or what you would like to see in it.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MINISTERS

It has been reported that a person is using the name of Dr. Stanley U. North to secure gifts of money from Congregational ministers in the Southeast Convention.

Dr. North has informed us that he does not know the gentleman and has urged that no gifts be made to the person in question, or to anyone else who attempts to secure money by using the name of another person who does not live in the area.

Probabilities are that the person in question is dishonest. Certainly gifts ought never to be given without first checking up with the person whose name is being used as reference.

We hope this will serve as a warning to ministers, who in the nature of their sympathetic interest, are quite frequently victimized by unscrupulous persons.

Our Congregational Christian Service Committee has helped resettle 4,100 Displaced Persons since the end of World War II. During the next few months CCSC will need sponsors for 50 more families called "out of zone" cases because they come from countries other than West Germany, Austria, and Italy. Persons or organizations wishing to help should contact the Displaced Persons program at 110 E. 29th St., New York.

The Rev. Wm. F. Hastings, secretary of the Displaced Persons program for the past two years, has been appointed director of the resettlement program in Germany of the World Council of Churches and has left for Europe to assume that post.

The cost of supporting the *United Nations* is 16 cents per person annually in the United States. This is one ten-thousands of 1% of the amount spent for armaments.

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regular budget meeting of the Southeast Convention Board of Directors was held in Atlanta, Ga., on December 5, 1952. Those present were: Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, Mrs. Emmett Bailey, Rev. Henry C. Weaver, Rev. Wm. R. Schorman, Mrs. T. L. Cunningham, and Emerson P. Poste—regular members. Newly elected members present were: Harry Barr, Richard Drake, Mrs. Ione Kirkland, and Rev. J. W. Davenport. Staff members present were: Supt. Erston M. Butterfield, Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Miss Loretta Petersen and Mrs. Ed. A. Albright. Representing the Board of Home Missions was Dr. Thos. A. Tripp, and present as Moderator of the Southeast Convention was Rev. Joe A. French. Rev. John D. Dollar was a visitor.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Albright, and after some discussion regarding the surplus of Per Capita Dues of the three conferences—that is, the difference between the money received by the Convention office from the churches and the amount sent to the General Council, it was voted by the Board that the surplus of the per capita dues of each conference each year shall be returned to the conference for state work.

Dr. Tripp introduced the matter of the purchase of a new parsonage for the superintendent. During the discussion it was brought out that the present parsonage is a poor home in a poor location, in need of extensive repairs and renovations. The board decided that the present house should be sold and a new one purchased. There was also some discussion as to the desirability of locating the headquarters of the Southeast Convention in Atlanta. Dr. Tripp said that the matter had been carefully studied in the past when the location was first

chosen, and that in view of the fact that railroads and highways converge in Atlanta it seemed the logical place for the headquarters.

There was also some discussion as to the advisability of selecting the new house with a view of using a portion of it for the offices. It was felt that if a house could be found with a suitable arrangement whereby the office could be entirely separate from the living quarters for the family of the superintendent, such an arrangement ought to be considered. A Parsonage Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. Thos. Anderson, Rev. Joe A. French and Emerson P. Poste. This committee will help select the house, with Supt. Butterfield and Mr. Boser of the Real Estate and Mortgage Department of the Board of Home Missions.

The Rev. Joe A. French presided over the portion of the meeting to consider the next biennial meeting of the Southeast Convention. It was agreed that the meeting will be held at the Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., on May 16-17, 1953—unless the program committee finds it desirable to change the date.

The program committee was appointed as follows: the Executive Committee of the Southeast Convention, the Moderator, the entertaining pastor and the Superintendent. A Nominating Committee will be appointed at the Executive Committee meeting on January 20, 1953.

The Superintendent proposed that discussion on the Proposed Plan for Reorganization be postponed until the meeting on January 20th.

Dr. Tripp presented to the Board and to the Superintendent the new Dodge which was a gift from the Board of Home Missions to the Southeast Convention. It was gratefully accepted by the Board, who expressed

its appreciation of the gift. Dr. Tripp had driven it from New York, where it had been obtained at a reduced price. It was voted by the board that the present Dodge should be sold and the money forwarded to the Board of Home Missions.

The Board went into Executive Session to consider the salaries of the staff in relation to the new budget. Then the staff again joined the Board to consider the Missionary Aid to churches and other items of the budget. The budget as finally worked out by the Board will be considered by the staff of the Board of Home Missions.

Piedmont College

A discussion of the situation at Piedmont College was introduced by the chairman, who told of the resolution passed by the Georgia Conference October 23rd as follows: "The Georgia Conference of Congregational Christian Churches, meeting in Vanceville, requests the Department of Higher Education of the Congregational Christian Churches to use its good offices with the Board of Trustees of Piedmont College to secure the resignation or removal of Dr. Walter from Piedmont College as soon as possible."

The chairman read letter to and from Dr. Truman Douglass, and a letter from Dr. Drake, who stated: "Piedmont College was not in the list of colleges to which appropriations were voted . . . for it is the policy of the Board of Home Missions to consult with State Conferences whenever appropriations are made to colleges within their states . . . the Board does not interfere in internal affairs of a college . . . this is as far as the Board will go, except that Dr. Douglass will confer with Dr. Walter and give him counsel."

It was felt that this action by the

Board of Home Missions was not entirely satisfactory, and a discussion followed as to ways and means of a stronger action. Rev. Weaver said that Dr. Walter had invited a committee from the Georgia Conference to meet with the Board of Trustees of Piedmont College at the February meeting, and that he would like to have a committee of three from the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention and the Board of Home Missions to meet with the Trustees of Piedmont College.

The Board voted as follows: "The Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention goes on record as favoring the resignation of Dr. Walter from Piedmont College, and recommends that a committee of at least three members be appointed by the Board of Home Missions (including at least one of the following: Dr. Harry Stock, Dr. Eldon Mills, or Dr. Truman Douglass) to meet with the committee from the Board of Directors to consider further steps before meeting with the Board of Trustees of Piedmont College on February 17, 1953.

The committee appointed from the Board of Directors is as follows: Supt. Erston M. Butterfield, Rev. Joe A. French, and Emerson P. Poste.

The committee from the Georgia Conference is Rev. Henry C. Weaver, Rev. Jno. A. Pickens, Jr., and Miss Emily Dexter.

It is hoped that these two committees can meet with the committee from the Board of Home Missions on the afternoon of February 16, 1952.

The meeting of the Board was then adjourned, and the Executive Committee will meet in Atlanta on January 20, 1953, along with the conference moderators and the moderator of the Southeast Convention.

Church News

Families of the *Pilgrim Church, Corbin, Ky.*, enjoyed a potluck supper in the church dining room December 6. The guest of honor was the Rev. Charles Drake of Berea College. After the supper and social hour a business meeting was called. At this time the members voted to request the Rev. Drake to conduct Sunday services twice each month. Rev. Drake accepted with the reservation that his schedule at Berea College must come first. He added that when possible he would come for the weekend and make sick calls and said that members should feel free to call on him in case of death or other needs which might arise.

Work has again started on the entrance of the church after being delayed for several months due to a shortage of doors and windows.

The three churches of the *Robbins Parish* each gave Christmas Programs.

At the Barton Chapel Church of Robbins, Tenn., Mr. Dave Alder spoke on India recently and showed color pictures of the land where he was born. The three churches of the parish have given about \$90 this year for missions, so they feel they have a share in the work of obeying the Great Commission to "Go into all the world making disciples . . . teaching . . . , baptizing." Matthew 28:19-20.

Robbins has also received a gift of \$300 from the sons of William E. Barton, for whom the building is named. Mr. Barton, one of the great men of our denomination, began his ministry in 1885 at Robbins. Following his early pastorate there, he became known across the nation as preacher, writer and authority on Lincoln. He died twenty years ago, and this fall when his sons discovered

a fund of his they decided it should go to the church which their father first served—Robbins.

The church has decided that a small amount of this should be used for a church sign. The members want more time and study before deciding upon the use of the principal sum so they will indeed have a fitting memorial.

The *Chipley, Oak Grove Church* has made many improvements in the last few months. The church pews and pulpit have been painted white. The Adult and Young Adult classes agreed to redecorate their Sunday school rooms. Money to buy paint was donated by class members. The men agreed to do the painting and the ladies were to serve coffee, sandwiches and doughnuts. On December 10 both classes met at the church to start on the redecorating. A great deal of progress was made and the job was completed in record time.

The church and parsonage grounds have been graded, winter grass seeds sown, and the shrubbery re-set. The new shrubbery came from three sources: Ladies Missionary Society, Church budget, and personal gifts.

The pump-house has been finished with the help of several men. A mimeograph machine has been purchased and church bulletins have been provided for church services.

The young people of the church helped with the decorating on Thanksgiving Sunday. On November 23 the young people were in charge of the evening service, which was in the form of a radio program entitled, "The World-Wide Church." Music was furnished by the Junior Choir.

November 30 was Church Membership Sunday. There were five people to join the church making a total of

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thirty-one received into the church within the last four months.

For Youth Night, December 7, refreshments were served by the mothers of the young people. Members of the Pilgrim Fellowship provided the choir, served as ushers and the vice-president introduced the guest speaker, Dr. A. R. Van Cleave.

—Margie McGuire.

The *Columbus, United Church* was honored Sunday, December 14 by having the Rev. Henry C. Weaver as guest speaker to dedicate the new organ and preach for the morning sermon.

The Rev. Tom Dean gave the invocation, Mrs. Peter Doherty sang a solo, and Frank McDonald rendered an organ solo.

The church has been like a beehive during the early part of December with the young people's organization working on the Christmas Pageant, the newly organized men's club getting into full swing, the ladies society planning their Christmas Supper, and a group of the ladies selling shampoo to purchase a coffee urn for the church.

—Mrs. Pearl McClain

The *Columbus, North Highland Church* added two new members to the church December 14. The Rev. Henry Weaver was the guest minister for the evening service. The large audience felt well repaid, for his stirring message was a great inspiration to all who were present.

—Mrs. Peter Doherty

The walls of the sanctuary of the *Thorsby, United Church* have been tinted in cream color and the floor refinished. This work was done with the donations of the Sunday School and the church. A carpet of dark green, reaching from the entrance to

the Communion table, has been purchased by the members of the Ladies Aid.

On November 16 a new Sunday school class for Juniors was organized and is creating a great deal of interest. The class is called the "Queen Esther" Class.

—Emily W. Harding

At the *Alexander City, Hunt Memorial Church* a Christmas play was given on December 20. The Turkey Plate was a big success and a grand time was had by all.

—Mrs. James Cumbee

Unity has been demonstrated at the *LaFayette, Pleasant Grove Church* where the men are working together under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. Charles Bell, tearing down the old church so work can begin on the new church.

The splendid cooperation of the community has aided in the raising of funds for the new church. The Womanless Wedding put on by the men of the community was very successful. The Missionary Society is planning a supper honoring the men who took part in the wedding.

The church enjoyed a family Christmas Party.

—Mrs. W. G. Harmon

The *Eclectic Union Church* was re-organized on July 6, 1952, after a period of being inactive, with twenty-five members. Mr. Otto Culpepper was called as pastor for six months. Six new members have been added to the church since that time.

A special called meeting was held the last of November to elect new church officers, and Mr. Culpepper was called for a year's service. The church only had three Deacons, and others were elected as follows: Curt

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Taunton, D. Wingard, Harrison Wall, Waymon M. Price, and Mrs. Dan Thornton, an inactive deacon because of her age, was elected an Honorary Deacon. Church officers are: Mrs. Annie Wall, church clerk and secretary; Miss Rosalee Thornton, Flower Fund chairman; Church Reporter, Mrs. Lilla Mae Price.

—Mrs. Lilla Mae Price

A Thanksgiving Union Service was jointly held by the *Evarts Congregational Christian Church*, the Evarts Baptist Church, and the Evarts Methodist Church at the Methodist church on Thanksgiving morning.

The Rev. A. L. Walker, pastor of the Baptist Church, preached the sermon, and the Congregational Christian Church choir directed the music.

The Rev. Charles Drake of Berea, Ky., is filling the pulpit twice each month. He has endeared himself to the congregation, giving them fine, inspirational sermons.

Dr. George S. Noss, Professor of Bible at Berea College and for many years a missionary in Japan, was welcomed as guest minister on December 7.

Mrs. Cora Trosper of Woodbine, Ky., widow of the late Rev. J. M. Trosper, who was pastor of the Evarts Church eighteen years, is visiting in Evarts.

—Mrs. N. B. Smith

The *Mountain Grove Church*, under the leadership of the Rev. Guy L. Colbert, is putting in a basement and a new heating plant—in spite of the crop failure.

The extension courses arranged by Southern Union College and held at the Mountain Grove Church are going along well.

The Rev. Colbert presented the background of the Congregational

Church recently in a series being presented at Athens College.

—Rev. Guy L. Colbert

The *First Church of Douglas, Ga.*, recently dedicated their new building. This first building will be used as the church until such time as a larger church can be built. Then it will serve as the church parsonage. The Rev. C. Carl Dollar gave the Dedication Sermon and also conducted a week's revival.

At the service, the oldest member, Mrs. Tobetha Moore, aged 86, and the youngest mother, Vera Mae Turner, aged 15, were recognized and honored.

The Douglas Church is sponsoring a radio program called "The Congregational Christian Fellowship Hour" over station WDMG each Monday at 4:30 pm.

The pastor reports that much progress has been made and more progress is anticipated for the future.

The *Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.*, held its 38th anniversary on Sunday, December 7. Dr. Kendrick Grobel of the Vanderbilt School of Religion, was the speaker for the Anniversary Service. This Sunday was also the eighth anniversary of the pastor, the Rev. Arnold Slater, with the Pilgrim Church.

An informal meeting was held on the evening of December 6, when Dr. Grobel told the group of his year in Norway. Light refreshments were served and the group thoroughly enjoyed the glimpse of Norway—the way the people live and work and their excellent democracy of government—as pictured to them by Dr. Grobel.

MIRACLE OF WARREN WALKER
—filmstrip, 18 minutes — adults to age 12. Stewardship emphasis.

Laymen's Fellowship

The *East Alabama and West Georgia Laymen's Fellowship* met at the North Highland Church, Columbus, Ga., on November 29 with fifty-five men present and ten churches represented. After the dinner, which was served in the new annex, the group adjourned to the main building for a business meeting.

A Constitution and By-laws were adopted. The President, Odell Yancey, appointed a Projects Committee with Howard Strength of Shawmut and W. E. Rogers of Phenix City as co-chairmen.

The chairman of the Extension Committee, Herman Cook, reported on plans for the second annual Laymen's Retreat which will be held the second week in June at Southern Union College.

The United Church of Phenix City contributed \$25 to the budget, and W. E. Rogers urged all other churches to also contribute.

The program for the evening consisted of Worldwide film slides shown by Major Logan Weston of Fort Benning, Ga. In his travel around the world, even in combat, he has managed to show concern for the religious life of the island people and brought a real message to the group.

The Rev. Lowell A. Smoot installed the new officers: President, Odell Yancey; Vice President, A. D. Harry; Sec. and Treas., James Dollar.

The meeting then adjourned until February, when the Fellowship will meet at Southern Union College for a "Ladies' Night" session.

—James Dollar

The *Laymen's Fellowship* of the United Church, Phenix City, Ala., held a Father and Son Night on December 2, 1952. Nineteen men and

thirteen boys were present. After a short business session, a social period with refreshments and a movie was enjoyed by all.

On the night of December 7th, the United Church laymen held a Laymen's Service in the church. Harry W. Barr, club president, gave a talk and several of the men took part in the program. Wilson E. Rogers read the Scripture and a special by Billy Boss.

—Paralee Hill

On October 19 four members of the *Thorsby Men's Fellowship* conducted the morning church service. C. M. Williams presided, and Frank McCain led the devotions. L. W. Johnson and H. R. Maddox gave talks on the subject, "Why I Like My Church."

—Emily W. Harding

New Pamphlet

The cover IS new but some of the contents are the same as in the original pamphlet so perhaps it isn't quite correct to say that it is a NEW pamphlet.

The Laymen's Fellowship Pamphlet—What is it?, How is it Organized?, What does it do?—has been revised, improved and enlarged and is available to our men wherever they are.

The improvements include an interest finder, a specimen constitution and many other fine suggestions, together with an attractive cover.

The price is the same, 25c per copy up to 25 and 10c each for quantities over 25. Send orders to Pembroke, Kentucky.

KNOW, CARE AND SHARE!

Women's Fellowship

The *Women's Missionary Society* and the *Lois Vincent Society* of Evarts Church held their annual Christmas Bazaar December 5 in the church parlor.

The *Lois Vincent* group decorated the parlor for the occasion, carrying out the Christmas motif.

The *Missionary Society* conducted the bazaar. All types of handmade gifts, many fancy and practical aprons, were made by both groups. Pies, cakes, candies and cookies were sold. Free coffee and doughnuts were served. A very substantial sum was realized from the bazaar.

The *Women's Fellowship* of the Corbin, Pilgrim Church were entertained by the J. D. Boys Class at the December meeting. A worship program, "The Worthy Gift," was given with various boys singing carols, reciting poetry, reading the Christmas story and closing with prayer.

A Christmas Social was held on December 19 by the *Ladies Missionary Society* of the Alexander City, Hunt Memorial Church. Gifts were exchanged and members enjoyed an open dish dinner.

Lest You Forget!!

February is the month for *Woman's Gift* Dedication in the local church.

The Friendly Service project for this year for the Alabama women is to help buy an Altar Set for the Chapel at Southern Union College. The women will bring offerings to the Association Rallies, to be held in March.

The Alabama women have also been asked to bring 50c per member for the State expense fund.

Pilgrim Fellowship

A new program book for *Pilgrim Fellowship* meetings is now ready. It is "Faith in Action" by Theodore C. Schoonmaker, and provides a balanced program covering fifteen to twenty weeks, including material for discussion, worship and activities, together with related resources for helpful, effective and better meetings.

It is planned to include opportunities for active participation by group members in all meetings, and the topics have been planned in general for use during the spring and summer, but are usable in any order and at any time.

Passages of the Bible are so used in the programs that the members become thoroughly familiar with their meaning and significance for today.

Program Topics

1. You Can Tell the Difference
2. Bright Youth! How Bright?
3. I Hate Tolerance
4. Good Humor is No Joke
5. Let's Do the Town
6. You Make Me Sick
7. Vacation With Pay
8. Have you "Tried" God?
9. Beyond the Horizon
10. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord
11. It's Our Church Too
12. Let Your Hymnal Talk
13. What Teen-agers Expect of Their Parents
14. What Parents Expect of Their Teen-agers
15. Take it Easy

A helpful introduction by Harry Thomas Stock, "Only Your Best is Good Enough" gives specific directions to leaders for the most effective use of the programs.

For best results, order four or five copies—\$1.00 each from Pilgrim Press.

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Dates to Remember

- Jan. 5—Valley Ministers' Association meets.
- Jan. 6—Training Session for Church Building Loan Fund Committees, Atlanta, Ga.
- Jan. 4-11—Universal Week of Prayer
- Jan. 20—Executive Committee meeting, Southeast Convention, Atlanta.
- Jan. 24-26—Meeting of Women's State Presidents, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Jan. 26-29—Midwinter Meeting at Cleveland, Ohio.
- Jan. 25—Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday Youth Week, January 25-February 1. Invite your young people to conduct a morning service, or recognize them in other ways as part of your church.

Pastoral Calls

Rev. Ben C. Compton, to Arley, Robertson's Chapel.

Rev. Charles Drake, to Evarts and Corbin, Ky., two Sundays each monthly, as supply pastor.

Ordination Service for Rev. John E. Pickens, Jr.

A Service of Ordination was held at the United Congregational Christian Church, LaGrange, Ga., on November 23, 1952, for the Rev. John E. Pickens, Jr.

The Rev. John E. Pickens, Sr., of the Florida Conference, presented the sermon, and Dr. Wm. N. Tuttle, Superintendent of the Florida Conference, gave the prayer of ordination, and the charge to the candidate. Dr. Thos. Anderson of Atlanta gave the declaration of ordination and the right hand of fellowship. The charge to the people was given by the Rev. C. Carl Dollar, Director of the Christian Rural Extension Service.

The Lord's Prayer was given by the Rev. Robert H. Jordan, of the South Highland Presbyterian Church, LaGrange; and the scripture lesson by Dr. Howard Worth of LaGrange College, LaGrange.

Mr. Pickens assumed the pastorate of the United Church, LaGrange, Ga., on July 20, 1952, coming to this area from Maine.

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